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(350) SECOND LEAD DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, FEB. 7 (AP)-FORESEEING A PERIOD OF GREAT PERIL FOR THE NATION BEGINNING 1961, A KEY DEMOCRATIC LAWMAKER INDICATED TODAY THAT CONGRESS WILL MULTIPLY FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR AN AIRBORNE ALERT BY U.S. BOMBER FORCES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, REP. GEORGE H. MAHON OF TEXAS, SAID HE THINKS CONGRESS WILL AUTHORIZE THREE OR FOUR TIMES THE 85 MILLION DOLLARS ASKED BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER TO PREPARE FOR AN AIRBORNE ALERT.

SUCH AN ALERT WOULD KEEP A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF U.S. HEAVY BOMBERS IN THE AIR AT ALL TIMES, FULLY ARMED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS, SAFE FROM ANY SNEAK ATTACK ON GROUND BASES AND IN POSITION TO STRIKE AT ENEMY TARGETS IMMEDIATELY AFTER ANY ATOMIC ATTACK ON THIS COUNTRY.

APPEARING ON A TELEVISION-RADIO PROGRAM (CBS-FACE THE NATION), MAHON AGREED WITH ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMEN THAT "THIS NATION IS STRONGER THAN ANY NATION IN THE WORLD TODAY" IN OVER-ALL STRIKING ABILITY. BUT, HE SAID, THE COUNTRY IS HEADING INTO A TWO- OR THREE-YEAR PERIOD, STARTING IN 1961, WHEN THE SOVIET UNION'S SUPERIORITY IN INTER-CONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES WILL PRESENT "THE MOST FRIGHTENINGLY IMPORTANT SITUATION THAT WE HAVE EVER BEEN IN IN OUR LIVES".

MAHON SAID "ANY TOWN IN THIS COUNTRY COULD BE HIT IN THE NEXT 30 MINUTES" BY A RUSSIAN ICBM AND WE HAVE NO EFFECTIVE WAY OF FENDING OFF SUCH BLOWS.

HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT ANY SUCH ATTACK WOULD COME SOON BUT FORESAW A RUSSIAN MISSILE SUPERIORITY OF ABOUT 3-1 IN THE CRITICAL PERIOD AHEAD AND "NO ONE IN THE PENTAGON, IN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE OR IN OR OUT OF CONGRESS KNOWS" WHAT SOVIET INTENTIONS WILL PRODUCE IN THAT PERIOD.

THE TEXAN SAW NO NEED FOR AN IMMEDIATE AIR-BORNE ALERT BUT SAID "WE MAY HAVE TO HAVE IT SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR FROM NOW" TO INSURE AGAINST HAVING OUR MAJOR RETALIATORY POWER WIPED OUT BY A SNEAK ASSAULT.

(FOLLOWING EMBARGOED FOR USE AT 6:30 P.M. EST)

MAHON'S COMMENTS WERE MADE SHORTLY BEFORE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE DUDLEY C. SHARP REITERATED THE ADMINISTRATION POSITION THAT TOTAL U.S. MILITARY POWER-- BOMBERS, MISSILES, POLARIS SUBMARINES AND MOBILE TASK FORCES -- IS ADEQUATE TO DISCOURAGE ENEMY ATTACK.

"AND, IF WE FOLLOW OUR PLANS AS WE PROPOSE TO DO, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADEQUATE," SHARP SAID.

SHARP CONCEDED THE UNITED STATES MAY BE BEHIND RUSSIA IN MISSILES, BUT HE SAID THE IMPORTANT THING IS OVER-ALL STRENGTH. IN THIS HE SAID THERE IS NO "DETERRENCE GAP," OR SHORTAGE OF POWER TO DETER ATTACK.

THIS IS A VIEW, PROMOTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THAT IS EXPECTED TO UNDERGO MORE ATTACK FROM CRITICS AS U. S. DEFENSE PLANS FACE FURTHER CONGRESSIONAL SCRUTINY THIS WEEK.

THE STAR WITNESS TOMORROW WILL BE THE CHIEF ON NAVAL OPERATIONS, ADM. ARLEIGH A. BURKE, WHO WILL MAKE TWIN APPEARANCES. HE GOES BEFORE A HOUSE COMMITTEE IN THE MORNING AND BEFORE SENATE COMMITTEES IN THE AFTERNOON TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT DEFENSE, SPACE PROJECTS AND RELATED SUBJECTS.

THE MILITARY SPENDING PLANS, ON WHICH BURKE WILL BE QUIZZED, GOT NEW CRITICISM TODAY FROM SEN. WARREN G. MAGNUSON (D-WASH), A MEMBER OF BOTH THE SENATE SPACE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES.

IN A TRANSCRIBED RADIO INTERVIEW (RADIO NEWS CONFERENCE), MAGNUSON SAID "WE'VE GOT TO SPEND MORE MONEY ON" INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES.

"THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT," HE SAID. OTHERWISE, HE SAID, THIS COUNTRY CANNOT KEEP ITS STRIKING STRENGTH UP WITH A POTENTIAL ENEMY SUCH AS RUSSIA.

SEN. ALLEN J. ELLENDER (D-LA), A MEMBER OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, RAISED ANOTHER QUESTION THAT BURKE COULD BE ASKED ABOUT. IN A RECORDED RADIO REPORT (WWL-NEW ORLEANS), ELLENDER SAID TESTIMONY OF MILITARY LEADERS MAKES IT PLAIN "THAT A GREAT DEAL OF DISUNITY STILL EXISTS AMONG THE THREE ARMS OF OUR MILITARY SERVICES."

RECALLING THAT CONGRESS AUTHORIZED UNIFICATIN OF THE SEPARATE SERVICES 13 YEARS AGO, ELLENDER SAID "THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE SERVICES ARE STILL FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES."

HE SAID THE INTRASERVICE BATTLE FOR THE TAXPAYERS DOLLAR GOES ON "WITH APPARENTLY NO THOUGHT FOR THE OVER-ALL WELLBEING OF EITHER THE NATION'S FINANCIAL POSITION OR OUR DEFENSE POSTURE VIS-A-VIS SOVIET RUSSIA."

SHARPE, WHO WAS A CAPITOL HILL WITNESS LAST WEEK, REPEATED HIS GENERAL VIEWS IN A RADIO-TV QUIZZING BY SEN. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL (R-MASS) TAPED FOR MASSACHUSETTS STATIONS. BUT IN SOMEWHAT STRONGER WORDS THAN PREVIOUSLY, SHARPE SAID:

"THERE MAY BE A MISSILE GAP, BUT THIS IS NOT THE IMPORTANT THING...I AM CONVINCED THERE IS NO DETERRENCE GAP. IN CONSIDERING OUR WHILE DETERRENT POSTURE, WE MUST CONSIDER OUR BOMBER FORCE AS WELL AS OUR DEPLOYED INTERMEDIATE RANGE MISSILES...WE MUST CONSIDER OUR POLARIS SUBMARINES, OUR MOBILE TASK FORCES, THE JUPITERS WHICH WILL BE DEPLOYED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

"THE WHOLE COMPLEX OF THESE WEAPONS CONSTITUTES OUR OVER-ALL DETERRENT POSTURE WHICH I CONSIDER TO BE ADEQUATE NOW AND, IF WE FOLLOW OUR PLANS AS WE PROPOSE TO DO, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADEQUATE...I DO NOT SEE A DETERRENT GAP AT ANY TIME."

THE POLARIS MISSILE FIRING SUBMARINE WAS CITED IN ANOTHER TV PROGRAM BY SEN. HUGH SCOTT (R-PA) AS ONE FIELD IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS OUTDISTANCING RUSSIA. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH SEN. JOSEPH S. CLARK (D-PA) TAPED FOR PENNSYLVANIA STATIONS, SCOTT, A CAPTAIN IN THE NAVAL RESERVE, SAID THE UNITED STATES BY 1965 WILL HAVE 18 OR 20 POLARIS SUBS.

RUSSIA WILL HAVE MISSILE-PROJECTING SUBMARINES BUT NOT IS SO GREAT A NUMBER AND ATOMIC SUBS TOO BY 1965, SCOTT SAID, ADDING:

"OUR PROGRAM IS FOR 40 ATOMIC SUBMARINES AND THEIR'S IS FAR LESS, AS OF NOW. SO THERE'S A CASE WHERE WE'RE STRONGLY AHEAD OF THE RUSSIANS."

SEN. KARL MUNDT (R-SD) JOINED THE REPUBLICANS WHO HAVE ACCUSED DEMOCRATIC ASPIRANTS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION OF TOSSING NATIONAL DEFENSE "INTO THE POLITICAL ARENA TIME AND AGAIN IN RECENT WEEKS."

IN A STATEMENT DECLARING "THE DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES--AND FREE WORLD--FOR THAT MATTER IS NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE," MUNDT SAID:

"IT CAN BE DANGEROUS TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY AND OUR POSITION IN THE WORLD TO ALLOW A FALSE IMPRESSION TO GAIN GROUND THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SECOND TO THE SOVIET UNION."

IN A RECORDED RADIO INTERVIEW (MBS-REPORTERS' ROUNDUP), ANOTHER REPUBLICAN, SEN. BARRY GOLDWATER (ARIZ) MADE A SIMILAR COMPLAINT. ASKED IF THE DEMOCRATS ARE HELPING THE U. S. INTERNATIONAL POSITION BY INSISTING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION LACKS A SENSE OF URGENCY AND THAT THE UNITED STATES IS BECOMING A SECOND-RATE MILITARY POWER, GOLDWATER RE-PLIED:

"I DON'T SEE HOW THE DEMOCRATS CAN HELP US ANY PLACE BY DOING THAT. IN FACT, IF THEY CAN'T PROVE THESE STATEMENTS, THEN I THINK IT'S A VERY UNPATRIOTIC APPROACH INTERNALLY--AND CERTAINLY IT DOESN'T BOLSTER OUR POSITION WITH THE ALLIES."

GOLDWATER SAID HE DID NOT QUESTION THAT THIS COUNTRY IS BEHIND RUSSIA IN SATELLITES "BUT THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT WE'RE WAY AHEAD OF THEM IN ACCURACY."

MAHON NOT ONLY AGREED WITH TOP DEFENSE OFFICIALS' ESTIMATES OF CURRENT, OVER-ALL U. S. SUPERIORITY BUT EXPRESSED BELIEF "THE ADMINISTRATION IS DOING THE BEST IT CAN WITH A VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM".

BUT THE TEXAN SAID ALSO "CONGRESS HAS BEEN OUT IN FRONT OF THE EXECUTIVE--DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN--IN DEFENSE MATTERS IN RECENT YEARS." HE CITED THE ADDITION OF FUNDS, BEYOND ADMINISTRATION REQUESTS, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE ICBM AND THE POLARIS MISSILE-FIRING SUBMARINES AS RECENT EXAMPLES OF INSTANCES WHERE CONGRESS WAS AHEAD OF EISENHOWER.

MAHON SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO VOTE FOR TAX INCREASES IF NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE ADEQUATE DEFENSE BUT EXPRESSED CONVICTION THE GOAL COULD BE ACHIEVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 41 BILLION DOLLARS ASKED BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR DEFENSE.

ASKED HOW HE WOULD DO THIS, MAHON ANSWERED:

"WELL, I WOULD TRY TO GET MORE FOR OUR MONEY. I WOULD TRY TO DO A BETTER JOB OF BARGAINING WITH INDUSTRY. I WOULD TRY TO HOLD DOWN EXCESSIVE PROFITS. I WOULD TRY TO ELIMINATE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THIS BUDGET, THE CONVENTIONAL (AIRCRAFT) CARRIER, WHICH IS OBSOLESCENT BEFORE IT'S EVEN CONSTRUCTED. AND I WOULD APPLY THAT MONEY TO ANTI-SUBMARINE WARFARE, WHEREIN THERE IS GREATER PRIORITY, IN MY JUDGMENT."

THE DEBATE ON DEFENSE WAS CARRIED ON STILL ANOTHER TELEVISION PROGRAM (WESTINGHOUSE-AMERICAN FORUM OF THE AIR) BY DEMOCRATIC SEN. HENRY M. JACKSON OF WASHINGTON AND REPUBLICAN SEN. PRESCOTT BUSH OF CONNECTICUT.

JACKSON CONCEDED CURRENT AMERICAN OVER-ALL CAPABILITY IS SUPERIOR TO RUSSIA'S BUT INSISTED NOT ENOUGH IS BEING DONE NOW TO KEEP AN OVERWHELMING GAP FROM DEVELOPING IN 1962 AND 1963.

BUSH COUNTERED THAT THE CURRENT DEFENSE BUDGET "IS NOT A ONE-MAN BUDGET" BUT IS THE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED JUDGMENT OF EISENHOWER AND HIS MILITARY LEADERS AND IS ADEQUATE.

THE CONNECTICUT SENATOR DID INDICATE, HOWEVER, HIS BELIEF THAT THE QUESTION OF AN AIRBORNE ALERT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY CONGRESS AND IMPLIED HE MIGHT SUPPORT ADDED SPENDING FOR THAT.

BUSH BORE DOWN ON THE ARGUMENT THAT THIS NATION'S LATE START IN THE MISSILE FIELD WAS NOT DUE TO THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION. BUT JACKSON CLAIMED EISENHOWER DID NOT MAKE ANY MAJOR MISSILE MOVES UNTIL PUSHED INTO IT BY RUSSIAN DEVELOPMENTS AND DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE.

JACKSON CLAIMED THAT OF THE 12 MISSILE-CARRYING SUBMARINES NOW BUILT OR BUILDING, SEVEN WERE PROVIDED FOR BY CONGRESS OVER AND ABOVE ADMINISTRATION BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS.

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ADVANCE FOR 630 PM EST TODAY
SUB INTRO REDS BUDGET

BY JOHN BECKLER

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, FEB. 7 (AP)-THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES SAID TODAY THE U.S. COMMUNIST PARTY CAN BE EXPECTED TO MAKE "A STRONGER PITCH" TO BIG BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES IN THE FUTURE.

THE PARTY IN EFFECT WILL BE ADDING PROSPERITY TO ITS FAMILIAR "PEACE" THEME OF THE PAST, THE COMMITTEE SAID IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1959.

AT THE NATIONAL COMMUNIST PARTY CONVENTION IN NEW YORK LAST DECEMBER, THE REPORT SAID, PARTY LEADER GUS HALL URGED THE DELEGATES TO SHOW INDUSTRIALISTS HOW PEACE COULD INCREASE THEIR PROFITS.

AS FOR THE PEOPLE AT LARGE, THE REPORT SAID, HALL SUGGESTED THEY BE TOLD HOW PEACE AND DISARMAMENT WILL MAKE POSSIBLE THE SPENDING OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR SCHOOLS, ROADS, HOSPITALS, PARKS AND HOUSING, INSTEAD OF ON DEFENSE.

THE REPORT SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS AT A LOW EBB NUMERICALLY IN THE UNITED STATES NOW, IT IS OOZING CONFIDENCE AS A RESULT OF RUSSIA'S GROWING INTERNATIONAL PRESTIGE AND THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA S. KHRUSHCHEV AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER.

"THE PARTY IS TODAY CONVINCED THAT IT STANDS ON THE THRESHHOLD OF A NEW ERA, AN ERA OF GROWTH, OF INCREASED MEMBERSHIP AND INFLUENCE IN THE UNITED STATES," SAID THE REPORT.

PARTY LEADERS FEEL KHRUSHCHEV CONVINCED LARGE NUMBERS OF AMERICANS THAT HE IS SINCERE IN HIS DESIRE FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, THE REPORT CONTINUED.

"THE COMMUNISTS ARE BASING THEIR CONVICTION LARGELY ON THE TRUSTING NATURE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE," IT SAID, "ON THEIR STRONG TENDENCY TO TAKE A MAN--EVEN A COMMUNIST--AT HIS WORD."

THAT BEING THE CASE, SAID COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FRANCIS E. WALTER (D-PA), THE UNITED STATES SHOULD TAKE WARNING.

"WITHOUT IN ANY WAY UNDERRATING THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF MASSIVE MILITARY STRENGTH IN BEING," SAID WALTER, "IT CAN BE SAID THAT THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF COMMUNISM, ITS DOCTRINES, DESIGNS, STRATEGY AND TECHNIQUES IS TODAY THE MOST URGENT NEED OF THE FREE WORLD."

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BY WILTON WYNN

CAIRO, EGYPT, FEB. 7 (AP)-RELIABLE INFORMANTS SAID TODAY THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AIR FORCE IS BEING STEADILY REINFORCED WITH NEW SHIPMENTS OF SOVIET-BUILT MIG17 JET FIGHTERS.

THE INFORMANTS ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS NOT A RESULT OF THE CURRENT SYRIAN-ISRAELI FRONTIER TROUBLE BUT FULFILLMENT OF AN AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE SOVIET UNION IN THE FALL OF 1958.

THE AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY WAS REACHED WHEN FIELD MARSHAL ABDEL HAKIM AMER, ARMED FORCES COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE U.A.R., VISITED MOSCOW.

DURING THE SAME VISIT AMER ALSO CONCLUDED A DEAL WITH THE SOVIETS FOR BUILDING THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ASWAN HIGH DAM.

THE SOURCES OF THE JET FIGHTER REPORT SAID THEY HAD NO INFORMATION ON REPORTS FROM ABROAD THAT EIGHT NEW SOVIET SUBMARINES WOULD SOON BE DELIVERED TO EGYPT.

THEY SAID A BIG ADVANTAGE OF THE MIG17 IS THAT IT IS A NIGHT FIGHTER, WHILE THE MIG15--THE TYPE EGYPT GOT IN AN ORIGINAL SOVIET ARMS DEAL OF 1955--IS A DAYTIME FIGHTER.

THE INFORMANTS SAID THEY COULD NOT DISCLOSE QUANTITY OF MIG17S INVOLVED. THEY SAID THAT, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE INCREASE IN QUANTITY OF PLANES, IS THE VAST INCREASE IN THE QUALITY OF THE U.A.R. AIR FORCE SINCE THE SUEZ WAR OF 1956.

AT THAT TIME IT HAD BEEN LESS THAN A YEAR SINCE THE FIRST MIG ARRIVED IN EGYPT AND PILOTS WERE BEGINNING THEIR TRAINING. NEARLY FOUR YEARS LATER THE U.A.R. HAS A RESERVOIR OF WELL-TRAINED JET PILOTS, MOST OF WHOM TRAINED IN THE SOVIET UNION.

THESE BUILDUP REPORTS COME AT A TIME U.A.R. LEADERS ARE WARNING THEIR ARMY IS DETERMINED TO HIT BACK HARD IF ISRAEL LAUNCHES AN ATTACK.

ABDEL KADER HEETEM, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS, ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THE "VEHEMENT RESISTANCE WHICH ISRAEL FACED LAST WEEK WAS ONLY AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE U.A.R. CAN DO TO MEET ANY ISRAELI AGGRESSION."

THE MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY QUOTED WHAT IT CALLED AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN AS DENYING REPORTS THAT THE U.A.R. HAD RECENTLY ACQUIRED ANY SUBMARINES FROM THE SOVIET UNION.

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AMMAN, JORDAN, FEB. 7 (AP)-AN ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE WAS PROPOSED TODAY BY PRIME MINISTER HAZZA MAJALI TO DISCUSS PALESTINE.

KING HUSSEIN IS LEAVING TOMORROW FOR TALKS WITH KING SAUD IN SAUDI ARABIA AND MAJALI TOLD NEWSMEN HE HOPED THEY WOULD LEAD TO A MEETING OF HEADS OF ALL ARAB STATES.

THE JORDAN DELEGATION TO THE ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE OPENING IN CAIRO TOMORROW WILL PRESENT A FIVE-POINT PLAN TACKLING

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THE PALESTINE PROBLEM. DETAILS WERE NOT DISCLOSED.
HUSSEIN HAS CHARGED SOME ARAB LEADERS OF APPROACHING THE PALESTINE PROBLEM IN AN "RRESPONSIBLE MANNER" AND USING PALESTINE ARAB REFUGEES AS "PAWNS FOR SELFISH POLITICAL OBJECTIVES."
UNDER A ROYAL DECREE, HUSSEIN APPOINTED HIS YOUNGER BROTHER, 20-YEAR-OLD CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMAD, VICEROY DURING HIS TWO-DAY ABSENCE.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1953, WHEN HUSSEIN BECAME KING, THAT A VICEROY HAS BEEN NAMED TO SERVE FOR THE KING.
HUSSEIN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED TO HIS MEETING WITH SAUD BY HAZZA MAJALI. A SECOND ROYAL DECREE APPOINTED EDUCATION MINISTER SHEIKH MOHAMMAD AMIN SHANQITI DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DURING MAJALI'S ABSENCE.

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MIDEAST BUDGET

BY JOSEPH DYNAN

NASSERIEH, SYRIA, FEB. 7 (AP)-THIS TINY OUTPOST, PERCHED 1,000 FEET ABOVE THE SEA OF GALILEE, PROVIDES A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE LATEST TROUBLE SPOT IN THE LONG HISTORY OF ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.
ALMOST THE WHOLE AREA OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, MUCH SMALLER THAN MANHATTAN'S CENTRAL PARK, STRETCHES OUT BELOW IN THE BRIGHT SUNLIGHT.
(NO INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED SUNDAY ALONG THE UNEASY FRONTIER.)
THROUGHOUT YESTERDAY THE WHOLE SCENE WAS DECEPTIVELY CALM. THE GREEN FARMLANDS LAY VACANT AND UNTENDED -- BOTH ISRAELI-HELD FARMS AND ARAB-OWNED FARMS.
A SIESTA-LIKE SILENCE PERVADED THE ENTIRE VALLEY AS IF EVERYONE HAD GONE TO LUNCH AND NEGLECTED TO RETURN. IN THE DISTANCE ROOSTERS COULD BE HEARD CROWING. FARTHER SOUTHWARD IN THE VALLEY A COUPLE OF DOGS WERE BARKING.
BEYOND THE TRUCE LINE IN ISRAELI-HELD TERRITORY OF DEGANIA KIBBUTZ, WHERE THE SEA EMPTIES INTO THE JORDAN, A COUPLE COUPLE OF TRUCKS COULD BE SEEN ROLLING. A SLIGHT HAZE SHROUDED THE LOWER END OF THE VALLEY, WHERE THE JORDAN ROLLS ON SOUTH PAST JERICHO TO THE DEAD SEA.
THE SEA OF GALILEE LAY FLAT AND UNRUFFLED, BRIGHTLY BLUE. ON THE OPPOSITE SHORE THE TOWN OF TIBERIUS GLEAMED CREAMY WHITE UNDER THE SUN.
YET THIS SEEMINGLY PEACEFUL VALLEY HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF A SERIES OF CLASHES BETWEEN SYRIANS AND ISRAELIS IN THE PAST FORTNIGHT IN WHICH AT LEAST SEVEN PERSONS WERE KILLED AND 13 WOUNDED.
ONLY 12 HOURS EARLIER, SAID SYRIAN OFFICERS, THE VALLEY ECHOED TO RIFLE AND MACHINE GUN FIRE.
A LONG LOW HILL ABOUT AS LONG AS SIX FOOTBALL FIELDS -- KNOWN AS BEIT KATZIR -- RUNS NORTH AND SOUTH IN THE CENTER OF THE DISPUTED AREA. THIS IS THE SITE OF AN ISRAELI SETTLEMENT THAT OVERLOOKS THE ARAB FARMLANDS TO THE EAST.
ALTHOUGH THIS IS IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, THE SYRIANS SAY THE ISRAELIS HAVE ESTABLISHED PERMANENT MILITARY POSITIONS ON THE HILL DOMINATING ARAB FARMLANDS. VIEWED THROUGH BINOCULARS, THE HILL SEEMS TO HAVE A SERIES OF TRENCHES AND WHAT COULD BE MACHINE GUN NESTS. SOME MEN WERE IN THE TRENCHES, APPARENTLY DEEPENING THEM.
AT THE NORTH END OF BEIT KATZIR THERE IS AN OPEN AIR BASKETBALL COURT. A WHITE CAR OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUCE SUPERVISION ORGANIZATION WAS PARKED THERE. A GROUP OF ISRAELIS WAS STANDING NEAR THE CAR, APPARENTLY TALKING WITH THE OCCUPANTS.
THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE IS A ROUGHLY TRIANGULAR SHAPED TRACT AT THE BASE OF THE SEA OF GALILEE. LIKE TWO OTHER AND SMALLER DEMILITARIZED ZONES FARTHER NORTH, THIS AREA WAS PART OF THE OLD PALESTINE MANDATE. IT LIES NORTH AND HENCE BEYOND THE ORIGINAL ISRAELI-SYRIAN ARMISTICE LINE OF 1949.
ISRAEL CLAIMS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE TRIANGLE RIGHT UP TO THE SYRIAN FRONTIER, AN AREA WHICH ISRAELI FARMERS HAVE OCCUPIED TO A LARGE EXTENT IN THE YEARS SINCE THEN.
SYRIANS INSIST THE ORIGINAL ARMISTICE AS ENDORSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS HELD SOVEREIGNTY IN ABEYANCE AND PUT THE AREA UNDER U.N. SUPERVISION.
THEY SAY THE ISRAELIS VIOLATED THE ARMISTICE BY SENDING IN ARMED FRONTIER POLICE TO PATROL THE AREA BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT SAID THE LOCAL POPULATION SHOULD DO ITS OWN POLICING.
THE SYRIANS DO NOT CLAIM SOVEREIGNTY THERE AND NEVER ATTEMPTED TO ADMINISTER THE AREA. THEIR POSITION IS THAT THE ARABS WHO OWN FARMS IN THE TRIANGLE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO TILL THEIR LANDS AND REAP THEIR HARVESTS WITHOUT THREAT OF ATTACK FROM THE OTHER SIDE.
THIS ENTIRE TRIANGLE IS AT THE MOST THREE MILES WIDE AT ITS WIDEST POINT. IT IS ABOUT A MILE FROM THE SYRIAN BORDER TO BEIT KATZIR, THEN ANOTHER 1 1/2 OR TWO MILES ON TO THE ISRAELI SETTLEMENT OF SAMAKH ON THE SOUTHERN SHORES OF THE SEA OF GALILEE AT THE ARMISTICE LINE. A NARROW STRIP RUNS SEVERAL MILES NORTH ALONG THE STEEP EASTERN SHORES OF THE LAKE.
THE SYRIANS WHO SEEK TO PROTECT THE ARAB FARMERS MAN ARTILLERY ON HEIGHTS OVERLOOKING THE VALLEY FLOOR. THEIR POSITIONS EASILY DOMINATE ISRAELI POSTS ON THE HILL BELOW.
THE RUINED VILLAGE OF TAWAFIK, SCENE OF LAST WEEK'S CLASH, LIES IN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE DIRECTLY BENEATH THE SYRIAN POSTS AT NASSERIEH. THE ISRAELIS DYNAMITED MOST OF THE HOUSES IN THE VILLAGE, SAYING THEY WERE USED AS POSITIONS BY SYRIAN SOLDIERS DISGUISED AS FARMERS.
A SYRIAN ARMY SPOKESMAN IN DAMASCUS DECLARED TODAY THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC IS "DETERMINED TO MEET FORCE BY FORCE IF ISRAEL DOES NOT ABANDON HER EXPANSIONIST POLICY" IN THE FRONTIER ZONES.
HE LISTED FIVE FORMAL CHARGES THAT HE SAID WERE ARMISTICE VIOLATIONS BY ISRAEL:
1. ISRAELI POLICE ENTERED THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE TO ASSUME PERMANENT CONTROL OVER IT, IN DEFIANCE OF THE ARMISTICE.
2. SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE 1949 ARMISTICE AGREEVENT, ISRAEL HAS VIOLATED IT "THOUSANDS OF TIMES" BY SENDING REGULAR TROOPS INTO IT, AND BY ESTABLISHING PERMANENT MILITARY FORTIFICATIONS IN THE AREA.
3. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES HAVE POPULATED THE DE-MILITARIZED ZONE WITH NEW EMIGRANTS BUILDING MANY NEW SETTLEMENTS.
4. ARAB INHABITANTS OF THE ZONE HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY MOVED OFF THEIR LAND IN DEFIANCE OF U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL DECISIONS.
5. ARAB LANDS IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN DEMILITARIZED BORDER ZONES HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY MILITARY FORCE VIRTUALLY DISABLING THE U.N. TRUCE ORGANIZATION'S AUTHORITY.

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CAIRO, EGYPT, FEB.7 (AP)-THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC HAS REFUSED TO ALLOW THE DANISH FREIGHTER INGE TOFT TO PROCEED SOUTH THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL FTER THE VESSEL UNLOADS HER ISRAELI CARGO, THE SHIP'S AGENTS SAID TODAY.
ALTHOUGH THE OWNERS OF THE SHIP HAVE AGREED TO UNLOAD THE CARGO OF ISRAELI CEMENT AND POTASH, THEY ARE ARGUING WITH U.A.R. OFFICIALS OVER WHO IS TO PAY THE UNLOADING COSTS.
THE SHIP'S AGENTS IN PORT SAID TODAY CABLED THE OWNERS IN COPENHAGEN THAT THE SHIP WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED SOUTHWARD THROUGH THE CANAL TO A DRYDOCK IN DJIBOUTI AFTER ITS RELEASE FROM DETENTION.
THE INGE TOFT OWNERS ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO TAKE THE SHIP TO THE NEAREST DRYDOCK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND U.A.R. OFFICIALS SAID THEY SAW NO REASON FOR CHANGING A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT THAT THE SHIP WOULD SAIL NORTH AFTER UNLOADING.

THE INGE TOFT HAS BEEN DETAINED AT THE NORTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE CANAL SINCE MAY 21. THE U.A.R. REFUSES TO PERMIT SHIPS CARRYING ISRAELI CARGOES TO GO THROUGH THE CANAL ON THE GROUND THAT IT CONSIDERS ITSELF TECHNICALLY STILL AT WAR WITH ISRAEL.

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JERUSALEM, ISRAELI SECTOR, FEB. 7 (AP)-THE ISRAEL GOVERNMENT TODAY OFFICIALLY STATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF LAND OWNERSHIP RIGHTS IN THE DISPUTED DEMILITARIZED AREA SOUTHEAST OF THE SEA OF GALILEE.

A FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID ISRAEL'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ISRAEL-SYRIAN ARMISTICE COMMISSION INFORMED THE U.N. CHAIRMAN, COL. RAYMOND PIRLOT OF BELGIUM:

"AS SOON AS ALL SYRIAN FORCES ARE WITHDRAWN FROM THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO MEET WITH THE ARABS OF TAWAFIK VILLAGE WHO CLAIM OWNERSHIP OF LAND IN THE ARE AND TO DISCUSS WITH THEM WAYS AND MEANS OF ENABLING THEM TO CULTIVATE THE LAND."

THE TAWAFIK LANDS ARE IN ISRAELI TERRITORY, THE SPOKESMAN TOLD NEWSMEN. HE REITERATED ISRAEL'S STAND THAT THE STATUS OF THE DEMILITARIZED AREA WAS OUTSIDE THE AGENDA OF ANY POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS FRIDAY'S OFFER TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF BORDER PEACE WITH SYRIA "INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE ARMISTICE COMMISSION."

IT WAS REPORTED SYRIA HAD REPLIED TO THE FRIDAY OFFER, INSISTING THAT THE PROBLEM OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE BE DISCUSSED. THE ISRAELIS SAY THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

TENSION IN THE ZONE AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA APPEARED TO BE SUBSIDING. AN ISRAELI ARMY SOURCE SAID THERE WAS STILL SOME AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM SYRIAN POSITIONS TOWARD THE DEMILITARIZED REGION LAST NIGHT BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE. THERE WAS NO RETURN FIRE FROM THIS SIDE OF THE BORDER, THE SAME SOURCE SAID.

ALL WAS QUIET IN THE AREA TODAY WHEN JEWISH SETTLERS FROM BETH KAZIR SETTLEMENT -- APART FROM TAWAFIK, THE OTHER VILLAGE IN THE REGION -- AGAIN WENT OUT FOR WORK IN THE FIELDS.

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MOSCOW, FEB.7 (AP)-PRESIDENT GIOVANNI GRONCHI OF ITALY AND SOVIET PREMIER NIKITA S.KHRUSHCHEV AND THEIR FAMILIES SPENT A QUIET AFTERNOON TODAY AT THE SOVIET PREMIER'S COUNTRY HOUSE ON THE MOSCOW RIVER.

"IT WAS A SIMPLE FAMILY REUNION," GRONCHI TOLD ITALIAN CORRESPONDENTS.

OUT OF THE CONVERSATIONS CAME AN AGENDA FOR FORMAL TALKS BEGINNING TOMORROW ON THESE SUBJECTS: DISARMAMENT, EUROPEAN SECURITY AND AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS.

THIS MORNING GRONCHI AND HIS WIFE HEARD MASS SAID BY FATHER LOUIS DION, OF WORCESTER, MASS., CHAPLAIN FOR THE FOREIGN ROMAN CATHOLIC COLONY IN MOSCOW.

BRAVING A SNOW STORM THE GRONCHIS THEN TOURED THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY AND TOOK THE TRADITIONAL RIDE BETWEEN TWO STATIONS ON THE MOSCOW SUBWAY.

TONIGHT, THE GRONCHIS AND THE KHRUSHCHEVS WENT TO THE BALLET TO SEE SWAN LAKE.

THE GRONCHIS, WHO ARRIVED YESTERDAY, WERE GREETED AT THE COUNTRY HOUSE THIS MORNING BY KHRUSHCHEV, WHO WAS BUNDLED IN HEAVY CLOTHES. THEY GOT OUT OF THEIR CAR, EXCHANGED GREETING AND THEN STARTED A WALK THROUGH THE WOODS AND ALONG THE RIVER.

KHRUSHCHEV LED THE WAY TOWARD THE RIVER, A STREAM HE LIKES, FOR HE MADE A GREAT SHOW OF TAKING VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON BOATING ON IT. HE ALSO HAD BRITISH PRIME MINISTER HAROLD MACMILLAN AT THE MOSCOW RIVER HOUSE FOR A MEAL.

IT WAS A KIND OF NEW-STYLE DIPLOMACY THAT BEGAN ON THE RIVER BANK, MOVED INTO THE HOUSE FOR HOT TEA AND VODKA, HALTED BRIEFLY AROUND THE BILLIARD TABLE, THEN CONTINUED AT LUNCH.

THE WOMEN WERE PRESENT MUCH OF THE TIME ALTHOUGH DURING THE WALK ALONG THE RIVER AND IN THE WOODS, GRONCHI AND KHRUSHCHEV HAD AN EXTENDED PERIOD TOGETHER ACCOMPANIED ONLY BY AN INTERPRETER. THE TWO TALKED TOGETHER FOR 40 MINUTES IN THE HOUSE.

ASIDE FROM THE BIG INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS, THEY DISCUSSED SPECIFIC ITALIAN AND RUSSIAN PROBLEMS. TRADE IS DEVELOPING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT LARGE. WHILE GRONCHI IS HERE, A CULTURAL AGREEMENT ALREADY WORKED OUT, WILL BE SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE PARTY LASTED UNTIL FIVE O'CLOCK, WHICH IS NEARLY DARKNESS HERE THESE DAYS. THEN THE VISITORS CLIMBED INTO THEIR CARS AND HEADED BACK THROUGH THE SNOW-LADEN WOODS TO THE KREMLIN, WHERE THE GRONCHIS ARE STAYING.

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MOSCOW, FEB.8 (AP)-AMBASSADOR AND MRS.HENRY CABOT LODGE RETURNED TO MOSCOW TODAY FROM A VISIT TO TASHKENT AND SAMARKAND IN THE SOUTHERN SOVIET UNION.

LODGE, HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, IS VISITING THE SOVIET UNION AS THE GUEST OF U.S. AMBASSADOR LLEWELLYN THOMPSON.

LODGE TOLD NEWSMEN HE FOUND GREAT FRIENDSHIP FOR THE UNITED STATES AMONG THE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE SOVIET UNION.

THE LODGES ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE TUESDAY FOR LENINGRAD. THEY WILL SPEND A COUPLE OF DAYS IN THE OLD CZARIST CAPITAL AT THE SAME TIME AS THE VISITING ITALIAN PRESIDENT, GIOVANNI GRONCHI.

LODGE DECLINED TO DISCUSS REPORTS HE IS TO MEET WITH PREMIER NIKITA S.KHRUSHCHEV.

THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS WIFE WERE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE OF THE BALLET SWAN LAKE AT THE BOLSHOI THEATER BEING GIVEN IN HONOR OF GRONCHI.

(RADIO MOSCOW HEARD IN LONDON SAID LATER LODGE MET AND TALKED BRIEFLY WITH KHRUSHCHEV AT THE THEATER.)

THE LODGES ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO ATTEND A RECEPTION TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY WHERE GRONCHI WILL ENTERTAIN SOVIET OFFICIALS.

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LONDON, FEB. 7 (AP)-THE BRITISH NEWSPAPER EMPIRE NEWS SAID TODAY A SOVIET DIPLOMAT'S WIFE WHO RETURNED TO MOSCOW AFTER WINNING POLITICAL ASYLUM IN BRITAIN HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS EXILE IN SIBERIA.

THE WOMAN, NINA DMITRIEV, WIFE OF A FORMER ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE, WAS FLOWN BACK TO MOSCOW FROM THE LONDON EMBASSY LAST MAY.

EMPIRE NEWS, QUOTING A RUSSIAN RADIO REPORT, SAID NINA WAS EXILED ON CHARGES OF "GRAVE, UNPATRIOTIC CRIMES."

HER HUSBAND, 38-YEAR-OLD CAPT.ALEKSANDR DMITRIEV IS SERVING A SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR NOT EXERCISING "SUFFICIENT PARTY VIGILANCE."

HIS WIFE DISAPPEARED WHILE EN ROUTE TO AN EMBASSY OUTING LAST YEAR. WHEN FINALLY FOUND SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO STAY IN BRITAIN BUT LATER CHANGED HER MIND.

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NEW YORK, FEB.7 (AP)-SHOUTING HUNGARIAN REFUGEES PICKETED THE SOVIET UNION'S U.N. HEADQUARTERS TODAY PROTESTING THE ALLEGED EXECUTION OF 150 TEENAGERS IN BUDAPEST LAST DECEMBER.

ABOUT 200 DEMONSTRATORS YELLED "KHRUSHCHEV IS A MURDERER," "RED MURDERERS," AND "FREEDOM FOR HUNGARY."

OCCASIONALLY, A FIGURE APPEARED AT A WINDOW OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION BUILDING AT 68TH STREET AND PARK AVENUE, BUT THERE WAS NO OTHER SIGN OF REACTION.

THE DEMONSTRATORS WERE RESTRICTED TO THE 68TH STREET SIDE OF THE FIVE-STORY BUILDING BY A DETAIL OF 115 POLICE, INCLUDING MOUNTED OFFICERS.

DR.BELA FABIAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF HUNGARIAN FORMER POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND LEADER OF THE PICKETERS, SAID THE TEENAGERS WERE EXECUTED IN BUDAPEST CENTRAL PRISON AFTER BEING HELD PRISONERS UNTIL THEIR 18TH BIRTHDAYS. THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DENIED THE CHARGE.

"WE WANT AMNESTY FOR THOSE WHO STILL ARE IN PRISONS," HE SAID.

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BY JACK KOEHLER

VILSECK, GERMANY, FEB. 7 (AP)-THE U.S. ARMY TODAY COMPLETED ITS BIG WINTER FIELD MANEUVERS HELD NEAR THE BORDERS OF COMMUNIST CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND EAST GERMANY.

THE WAR GAMES, CALLED EXERCISE "WINTER SHIELD," INVOLVED THE LARGEST PEACETIME U.S. FIELD ARMY AND TWO WEST GERMAN ARMORED BRIGADES TOTALING 60,000 MEN.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THE NEW GERMAN ARMY PARTICIPATED WITH THE U.S. ARMY IN A MAJOR EXERCISE.

OBSERVERS FROM 20 NATIONS WITNESSED THE ATTACK BY RAPIDLY MOVING "AGGRESSOR" ARMORED COLUMNS, ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY ACROSS THE DANUBE RIVER THAT BEGAN THE WAR GAMES LAST MONDAY NIGHT.

AS THE INVADERS MOVED INTO "NATO HELD TERRITORY," THE DEFENDERS LAUNCHED MASSIVE SIMULATED NUCLEAR ATTACKS DISRUPTING ENEMY SUPPLY AND COMMUNICATION ROUTES.

THE ADVANCE CONTINUED FOR THREE DAYS IN SUB-ZERO COLD AND OVER ICY COUNTRY ROADS.

THE "AGGRESSORS" ENCOUNTERED ONLY MINOR RESISTANCE IN AN ATTACK WHICH INCLUDED AIRLIFTING OF 1,000 TROOPS BY HELICOPTERS TO SECURE AN OBJECTIVE.

THE MANEUVER WAS STOPPED ON THE FOURTH DAY FOR DEMONSTRATION OF THE 7TH ARMY'S FIREPOWER. LIVE HONEST JOHN ROCKETS AND A 280 MM GUN WITH NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES, PRECEDED AN EARTHSHAKING ARTILLERY BARRAGE AND AN ATTACK BY FLAMETHROWING TANKS. TWO U.S. TANK COMPANIES ADVANCED AS LIVE ARTILLERY SHELLS SHOWERED THE ARMORED VEHICLES WITH SHRAPNEL.

ON THE FIFTH DAY THE TIDE OF BATTLE TURNED AND "NATO FORCES" LAUNCHED A COUNTER ATTACK THAT SENT THE "ENEMY" REELING BACK SOUTHWARD TOWARD THEIR STARTING POSITIONS ON THE DANUBE RIVER.

ARMY AUTHORITIES SO FAR HAVE COUNTED EIGHT FATALITIES--TWO GERMAN SOLDIERS, TWO AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND FOUR GERMAN CIVILIANS. ACCIDENTS ALSO INJURED 44 U.S. SOLDIERS AND 17 GERMAN CIVILIANS.

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BY BO JOHNSON

DAVOS, SWITZERLAND, FEB 7-(AP)-MAYOR CHRISTIAN JOST OF DAVOS MOBILIZED THE POLICE FORCE TODAY TO KEEP OFFICIALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION (ISU) FROM RAISING THE COMMUNIST EAST GERMAN FLAG AT THE WORLD SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

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EAST GERMANY'S HELMUT KUHNERT WON THIRD PLACE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS. JOST'S REFUSAL TO ALLOW THE EAST GERMAN FLAG TO BE HOISTED IN HIS HONOR CAUSED A ROW THAT ENDED WITH THE ISU CANCELLING ALL VICTORY CEREMONIES AND THE TRADITIONAL PRIZE-GIVING BANQUET.

ISU RULES SAY THE NATIONAL FLAGS OF THE TOP THREE SKATERS AT ANY INTERNATIONAL MEET MUST BE RAISED ON THE ICE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FINAL RACE.

THE ISU--UNLIKE THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE--RECOGNIZES EAST AND WEST GERMANY AS SEPARATE NATIONAL MEMBERS. THUS, UNDER THE RULES THE EAST GERMAN FLAG SHOULD HAVE BEEN RAISED FOR KUHNERT ALONGSIDE THE SOVIET FLAG FOR WORLD CHAMPION BORIS STENIN, AND THE FRENCH FLAG FOR RUNNERUP ANDRE KOUPRIANOFF.

SVEN LAFTMAN OF SWEDEN, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SKATING UNION, SAID JOST TWO WEEKS AGO TOLD THE ISU HE WOULD NOT PERMIT THE EAST GERMAN FLAG TO BE FLOWN THROUGHOUT THE CHAMPIONSHIPS. BUT LAFTMAN SAID JOST GAVE ASSURANCES HE WOULD ALLOW THE SPECIFIC FLAG RAISING RULE TO BE OBSERVED IF AN EAST GERMAN SKATER WON ONE OF THE TOP THREE PLACES.

OTHER DAVOS OFFICIALS SAID JOST DID NOT WANT THE EAST GERMAN FLAG FLOWN FOR FEAR OF OFFENDING DAVOS' NUMEROUS WEST GERMAN VISITORS.

IN BERN THE SWISS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SAID IT HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO THE EAST GERMAN FLAG BEING FLOWN AT A SPORTS EVENT, AND TOLD JOST HE WAS FREE TO TAKE HIS OWN DECISIONS IN THE MATTER.

"TEN MINUTES BEFORE THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WAS TO TAKE PLACE TODAY," LAFTMAN SAID, "JOST HANDED ME A LETTER STATING THAT WE WERE NOT PERMITTED TO HOISE THE EAST GERMAN FLAG FOR KUHNERT."

"I REPLIED THAT WE INTENDED TO RAISE THE FLAG ANYWAY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR RULES AND ON THE BASIS OF JOST'S ASSURANCE TWO WEEKS AGO," LAFTMAN SAID. "THE MAYOR REPLIED THAT HE HAD POLICE POSTED ON THE ICE AND IN THE STANDS IN ORDER TO PREVENT OUR HOISTING THE EAST GERMAN FLAG."

LAFTMAN SAID HE THEN DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH ISU PRESIDENT J. KOCH, OF SWITZERLAND, AND THEY DECIDED TO MAKE A FORMAL PROTEST AND CANCEL THE TRADITIONAL VICTORY CEREMONY ON THE ICE ALTOGETHER.

"WE THEN AGREED TO HAVE THE VICTORY HONORS AT THE PRIZE GIVING BANQUET WHICH WAS SCHEDULED IN A DAVOS HOTEL TONIGHT," LAFTMAN SAID.

"HOWEVER, THE HOTEL OWNER--WHO IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE DAVOS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL--SAID HE WOULD NOW ALLOW A FLAG TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE BANQUET IN HONOR OF KUHNERT.

"SO WE DECIDED TO CANCEL THE BANQUET, TOO."

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN THE 67 YEARS OF THE WORLD SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS THAT THE NATIONAL FLAGS OF THE COMPETING NATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN DISPLAYED DURING THE MEET, AND THE FIRST TIME THAT THE VICTORY CEREMONIES HAVE BEEN OMITTED.

LATE TONIGHT THE ISU ORGANIZED AN IMPROMPTU PRIZE GIVING--WITHOUT FLAGS--IN ANOTHER DAVOS HOTEL.

THE SOVIET, RED CHINESE, HUNGARIAN AND FINNISH TEAMS BOYCOTTED THE CEREMONY IN PROTEST AGAINST THE FLAG BAN, BUT ALL THE OTHER TEAMS--INCLUDING THE EAST GERMANS--TOOK PART.

KUHNERT REFUSED TO MAKE ANY COMMENT ON THE INCIDENT.

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TOKYO, FEB. 7 (AP)-KIM CHANG BONG, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE COMMUNIST NORTH KOREAN ARMY, SAID TODAY NORTH KOREA HAD CUT ITS ARMED FORCES BY 80,000 MEN, RADIO PEIPING REPORTED.

THE BROADCAST SAID KIM MADE THE STATEMENT AT A MEETING MARKING THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY. HE DID NOT SAY WHEN THE REPORTED REDUCTION WAS MADE.

THE BROADCAST DID NOT DISCLOSE THE PRESENT STRENGTH OF THE NORTH KOREAN ARMED FORCES. THE SOUTH KOREAN DEFENSE MINISTRY LAST SUMMER ESTIMATED THAT NORTH KOREA HAD A 436,100-MAN ARMY.

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TEHRAN, IRAN, FEB. 7 (AP)-U.S. AIR FORCE MAJ. DONALD BOURKE WHO WAS CONVICTED DEC. 21 OF CAUSING THE DEATH OF A PEDESTRIAN WITH HIS CAR MUST FACE TRIAL AGAIN.

IRAN'S SUPREME COURT TODAY REJECTED THE VERDICT OF A BRANCH OF THE CRIMINAL COURT WHICH SENTENCED HIM TO SIX MONTHS JAIL, FINED HIM 10,000 RIALS ($135) AND BANNED HIM FROM DRIVING FOR FIVE YEARS.

IT ORDERED ANOTHER BRANCH OF THE CRIMINAL COURT TO RETRY BOURKE. A JUSTICE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THE SECOND HEARING IS EXPECTED WITHIN A MONTH.

THE SUPREME COURT DECISION WAS ON THE BASIS THAT BOURKE WAS DRIVING AT NORMAL SPEED WHEN THE FATAL ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

BOURKE'S WIFE LIVES IN TAMPA, FLA.

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LONDON, FEB. 7 (AP)-WALTER ULBRICHT, EAST GERMAN COMMUNIST BOSS, SAID IN MOSCOW TODAY HE EXPECTS A FOUR-POWER COMMISSION FOR DRAFTING A GERMAN PEACE TREATY TO EMERGE FROM THE EAST-WEST SUMMIT MEETING IN PARIS NEXT MAY.

"FROM THE COMING SUMMIT CONFERENCE, WE EXPECT AGREEMENT ON MEASURES WHICH WILL IN PRINCIPLE BE BASED ON THE NEED FOR GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT," SAID ULBRICHT IN AN INTERVIEW BROADCAST BY MOSCOW RADIO.

"WE EXPECT THE CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS THE PRINCIPLES OF A GERMAN PEACE TREATY," HE WENT ON, "AND TO SET UP A FOUR-POWER COMMISSION TO PREPARE THE TEXT OF THE TREATY."

ULBRICHT WHO ATTENDED A MEETING OF EAST BLOC LEADERS IN THE SOVIET CAPITAL ALSO CALLED FOR AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL HELP LIQUIDATE WHAT HE CALLED THE ABNORMAL STATE OF AFFAIRS IN WEST BERLIN.

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